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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 27, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in Items 2-5 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims, that is, claims 1-21 and 32, for prosecution on the merits in the present application.

In addition, the election-of-species requirement set forth in Items 6-8 on pages 3 and 4 of this Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, is noted. In response thereto, Applicants respectfully elect Species A, defined by adhesive 1 on page 3 of Applicants' specification, for prosecution on the merits in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 14-21 and 32 read on the elected Species A.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is a generic claim to all of Species A-D. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that upon allowance of claim

1, claims directed to all of Species A-D should be allowed to issue in a same U.S. Patent, from the above-identified application.

In any event, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims, and Species A, and respectfully request consideration of claims 1, 14-21 and 32, on the merits, in the above-identified application, in due course.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 566.39636X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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